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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on (1) 4/1/04 and (2) 5/4/05 were filed after the mailing date of the application on 11/23/05. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Specification

2. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: adding the language of claims 1-12 into the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

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5. Claims 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over ORA Electronics in view of www.adt.com.

As for independent method claim 1, ORA Electronics discloses a method of implementing an emergency response system, comprising the steps of:

(b) providing the end user (member) access to a cellular communications network as part of the cellular communications package; and

(c.) receiving emergency signals (when pressing the green button of Rescue Mate attached to the cellular telephone) conveyed from the location of the end user through an emergency network and contacts an emergency entity (dispatch one of the 14,000 service vehicles to the stranded motorist") in response to the emergency signal to provide the emergency service (road side service for stranded motorist) {see page 1}.

As for the (a) step of "selling an end user a cellular communications package that includes emergency services", this is inherently included in the teachings of ORA Electronics when the uses purchase and subscribe the cellular telephone service with the Rescue Mate system (\$119.95). Alternatively, since it's well known that cellular communication package is sold to user for monthly service, it would have been obvious to a skilled artisan to carry out this step in ORA Electronics. Therefore, ORA Electronics teaches the claimed invention except for **explicitly** showing that at least a portion of the revenue (charges) collected from the cellular communications package to fund a safety control center that receives the emergency signals from the stranded motorist and then contacts 1 of the 14,000 service vehicles or dispatch to the stranded

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motorist for road side assistance service or from the user to the 911 operator when activating the red 911 button.

Www.adt.com is cited to show **well known** teachings/concept of emergency response system and service (monitoring and notification service/system) or business practice whereby a user pay a fee or buy a service in a package that includes a emergency service to a company (ADT), the company use at least a portion of the revenue collected from the package to fund a safety control center (alarm monitoring center) that receives emergency signals conveyed from the location of the end user through an emergency network and contacts an emergency entity (police department, fire department, etc.) in response to the emergency signal to provide the emergency service {see page 1 (1.) and page 4 (18.)}.

It would have been obvious to modify the teaching of ORA Electronics to include well known teachings of emergency response system and service (monitoring and notification service/system) whereby a user pay a fee or buy a service in a package that includes a emergency service to a company (ADT), the company use at least a portion of the revenue collected from the package to fund a safety control center (alarm monitoring center) that receives emergency signals conveyed from the location of the end user through an emergency network and contacts an emergency entity (police department, fire department, etc.) in response to the emergency signal to provide the emergency service {see page 1, item (1.) and page 4, item (18.)} as taught by www.adt.com above as mere using well known business practice for paying a service of monitoring and notification service/system.

As for dep. claim 2 (part of 1 above), which deals with well known emergency entity parameters, i.e. special service provider, this is non-essential to the scope of the claimed invention and is taught in ORA Electronics (service vehicle) or www.adt.com (fire or police department), absent evidence of unexpected results.

As for dep. claim 3 (part of 1 above), which deals with well known fee or charges structures, i.e. a fee for additional use of the cellular communications packages charges for additional use of the cellular communications network, this is inherently included in the teaching of ORA Electronics or would have been obvious to do so to pay for the service used. As for the other non-essential teaching of funding the safety control center, this is inherently included or taught in www.adt.com.

As for dep. claim 4 (part of 1 above), which deals with well known communication exchange between the user and the safety control center (alarm monitoring center), by obtaining localization information from a carrier, this is inherently in ORA Electronics or www.adt.com, page 6, item (22. or 4.).

As for independent method claims 5 and 9, which have similar limitations as in independent method claim 1 above, they are rejected for similar reason set forth in the rejection of claim 1 above.

As for dep. claims 6-8 (part of 5 above) which have similar limitations to **dep. claims 10-12** (part of 9 above), respectively, these claims have the same limitations as in dep. claims 2-4 above, and are therefore rejected for the same reasons set forth in dep. claims 2-4 above.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

(1) US 6,563,910 discloses an emergency response information distribution.

No claims are allowed.

7. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct@uspto.gov>. Should you have any questions on access to the private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll free).

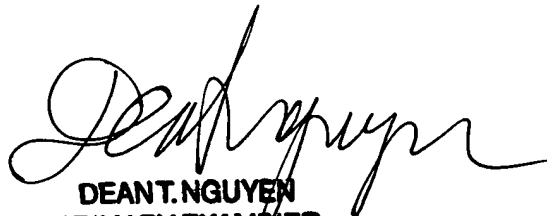
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Any inquiry concerning the merits of the examination of the application should be directed to Dean Tan Nguyen at telephone number (571) 272-6806. My work schedule is normally Monday through Friday from 6:30 am - 4:00 pm. I am scheduled to be off every other Friday.

Should I be unavailable during my normal working hours, my supervisor John Weiss can be reached at (571) 272-6812.

The main FAX phone numbers for formal communications concerning this application are (571) 273-8300. My personal Fax is (571) 273-6806. Informal communications may be made, following a telephone call to the examiner, by an informal FAX number to be given.

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